

# **World Watch One**

**The Official Team Banzai Newsletter**

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Greetings and Salutations!  
From Dragon & Abacus

First things first...our most profuse apologies for the more than a year's delay between issues...We've got lots of explanations, some of them will even be believable! For one, the meager response from those who received the Winter 88/89 issue wasn't very encouraging, (as far as we can figure, 1 in every 200 wrote) and made us question whether we wanted to continue with any "formal" newsletter. (And to think we actually considered getting a P.O. box to handle all the potential mail!) Then, we lost contact with StevE and KathE Walker (of Starland in Denver) during our intensive research with a personality essence we communicated with through our Ouija board... Other distractions from working on this issue were our pilgrimage to the Church of Elvis and our extensive apprenticeship in Paradoxicallogy and the Art of Jet Car Maintenance. Of course, there were the Cascade Rangers activities, personal projects, BBI correspondence, and so-called "mundane life" keeping us preoccupied as well.

So moving on along...

We will bring you up-to-date with what we know has been going on in Team Banzai fandom since you last heard from us. From a personal perspective, our BBI network slowly grows as we are contacted by new appreciators of TABB. However on occasion, when extending our trust and friendship, we've been "burned" by irresponsible fans. Although we haven't stopped giving, we've just become better at it! Also since the last issue, we were able to aquire some great Banzai memorabilia, including production notes, memos, and artwork.

Having a more direct effect on Banzai fandom, we've learned the novel Buckaroo Banzai has been withdrawn from reprinting, which makes those old rare copies even more precious (and more expensive!). The price of TABB on video is now under \$30 (well, by a few cents anyway), making it an affordable addition to every BBI's collection. The careers of most of the actors in TABB have been easily followed, since many have been active in both movies and television. We've been able to keep up on W.D. Richter and Dan Lupovitz (TABB's Director and his assistant), through contact with Scott Harris, their assistant on their current film project titled Late For Dinner. (Did you get all that?!) We'll keep you informed as official information is released. Believe it!

At the top of the list of Banzai rumors are those about the existence of a soundtrack and the "upcoming sequel". About a year ago we were indirectly contacted by Michael Boddicker, TABB's music composer, and the word was he'd received the rights back to his music and was wondering how to get in touch with the fans. Since then though, there has been no news about a soundtrack (anything else has been wishful thinking). The best rumor about the sequel to TABB, Buckaroo Banzai Against The World Crime League, comes from a fellow Cascade Ranger who knows someone who knows someone on the inside at 20th Century Fox (one of those stories!). What we heard is that there was a memo requesting the sequel script from Earl Mac Rauch, TABB's creator. So, remember...no matter where rumors go, there you are!

Continued...

Well, we've brought you up-to-date for now, you'll find more news inside in addition to the following features: TABB's shooting location list, preproduction Lectroid spaceship sketches, the first days shooting schedule, Blue Blaze Bulletin Board, news from the BBIs Downunder, Banzai Fanzine advertisements, memorabilia offers from Starland, letters from you fans, and more. So that we aren't misunderstood by some readers, we will explain why there is a generous amount of advertisement in this newsletter. Steve and KathE Walker of Starland are involved in this project because the World Watch One is an appropriate forum for them to present a wide selection of Banzai collectables. They are also willing to cover expenses, over what is collected through your subscriptions, for a mass printing. As for mailing, well, it's just beyond our own resources to address and stamp them all in any timely manner - besides, they get a bulk mailing rate! Then there is the little detail about the mailing list, which we don't have... As for the full page fanzine ads, we felt it important to help out fellow BBIs and bring you these opportunities. These ads give you, the potential buyers, a real good understanding of their contents, while being very creative and entertaining at the same time.

As for the future issues of World Watch One (at least the next two), our focus will be on developing and publishing the active BBI network directory (see page ten for details), and continuing to share with you production notes, artwork and anything else you BBIs out there send to us. After all, what's a little time and postage to share your Banzai Spirit with others?!

Always True Blue,  
Dragon and Abacus  
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#### ACTIVE BLUE BLAZES

Strike Team Beowulf has been formed in the area of Simon's Rock College, located in the Berkshire Hills of southwest Massachusetts. In addition to the normal Blazer pursuits, such as mosaic, art and science we are involved in woodcraft, rockclimbing, cave exploring and the martial arts. Congratulations to Strike Team member BBI Silverweed for placing 12th out of a field of 70 in under 17 epee at the National Junior Olympis fencing tournament in February. Any Blazes who find themselves in the area are encouraged to stop by. contact us through BBI Delano "Dormouse" Lopez, Simon's Rock College, 84 Alford Road, Gt.Barrington, Mass., 01230. (413)528-0771 Bring your grubbies and we'll give you a tour of the Ice Glen or Bat's Den Quartet caves!

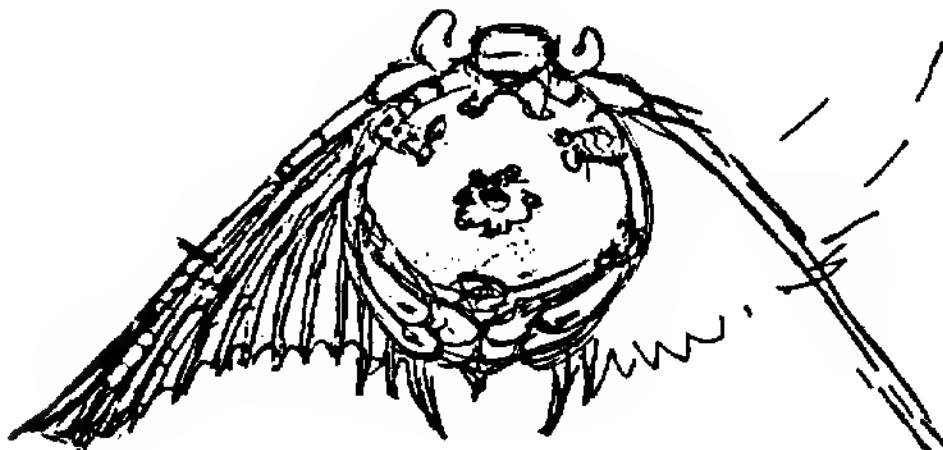


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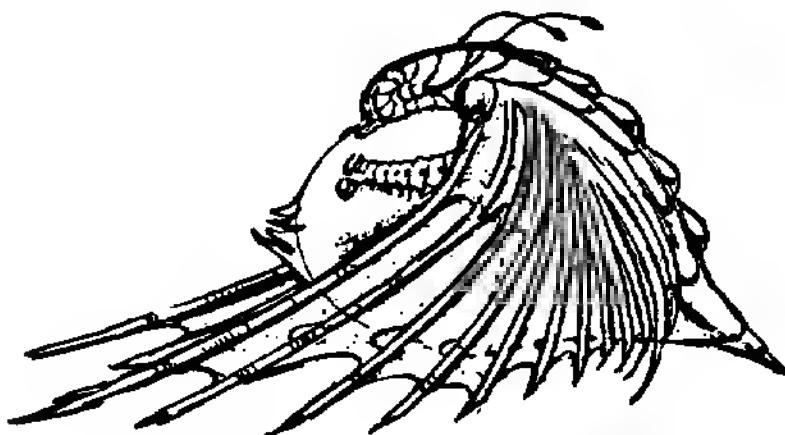
LOCATION LIST

<u>SET</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1. Texas Vista Test Site (Start)	El Mirage Dry Lake Adelanto, Ca. c/o Dept. of Interior Barstow, Ca. Betty Gonzales
Test Site (Conclusion)	Rabbit Dry Lake Highway 18 Lucerne Valley, Ca. c/o Dept. of Interior
2. Hospital	Lakeview Medical Center 11500 Bldridge Avenue Lakeview Terrace, Ca. Mary Munson
3. Home for Criminally Insane	A. Lincoln State Jail 610 S. Avenue 18 L.A., Ca. Ed Harvey B. Brentwood V.A. Hospital 11301 Wilshire Boulevard Building 258, Room 201 Brentwood, Ca. Mr. Randzil
4. Bikita's Lab (1938)	A. Bethlehem Steel 3300 East Slauson Avenue Vernon, Ca. George Potis B. Alpha Tubing 2730 East 37th Street Vernon, Ca. Bernie Cloughtry
5. Nightclub	Bill Brothers Building 440 Senton Street L.A., Ca. Bill Brothers
6. Police Station	Harbor Jail 881 S. Basin Street San Pedro, Ca. John Zebos



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7. Hotel	Biltmore 515 South Olive Street L.A., Ca. Marge Cook
8. Crash Site	Rocky Oaks Park Kanan Road/Mulholland Malibu Mountains National Parks c/o Alice Allen 22900 Vaatura Boulevard Woodland Hills, Ca.
9. Gas Station	
10. Bonsai Institute (Gates)	Descanso Gardens 1416 Descanso Drive Pleasanton, Ca.
11. Buckaroo House	Gamble House 4 Westmoreland Place Pasadena, Ca. Randall McIneson
12. Bonsai Institute (Interior)	Bethlehem Steel (As 4 A.)
13. Bonsai Institute (Garage)	Clark Library 2520 South Cimarron & Adams L.A., Ca.
14. Toyodyne	A. Bethlehem Steel (As 4 A.) B. D.E.P. Borbor Plant 161 North Island Avenue Wilmington, Ca. Robert Beam
	C. Firestone (Non Ind.) 2323 East Firestone Southgate, Ca. Dex Bennett
15. Rendezvous Point	Firestone Parking Lot (As 14 C.)
16. Highway Approach to Toyodyne	TBD



BANZAI IN LAND OF OZ

BBI Stew from down under reports to us about CONSPIRE, the Australian Sci - fi media convention held in Canberra, with a theme of mystery. A murder took place throughout the weekend, which virtually every Con-member took part in.

The highlight of the Con for Stew was the Buckaroo Banzai panel, which she had been asked to host. Helping her on the panel were BBIs Wookie, a lovely person of many words, and Downtown, who can also be relied on to talk a lot. BBI Arcane Annie leant silent moral support, Rawhide-style.

About 15 people turned up, which was very enheartening. They were an enthusiastic bunch, who were very keen to help discuss the various mysteries in Buckaroo Banzai.

BBI Arcane Annie wrote us about the famous Valhalla Cinema's screening of a wonderfully clear, bright print of "The Movie" as part of a 24 hour Sci-fi festival. She says 344 people turned up, which isn't bad for starting at 4:50am on a Sunday!

BBI Downtown publishes The Banzai Bulletin, full of anything and everything having to do with Buckaroo Banzai and it's actors. Write to him c/o: Geoff Tilley, 2 Susan Court Cheltenham, Vic., 3192 Australia

Also acknowledged for their appreciation of The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai are the following Oz BBIs: Buckskin Brenda, Faux Pas, Tolchin, and those at Yoyodyne Propulsion Systems-Adelaide.

BBIs LOYAL TO CAUSES

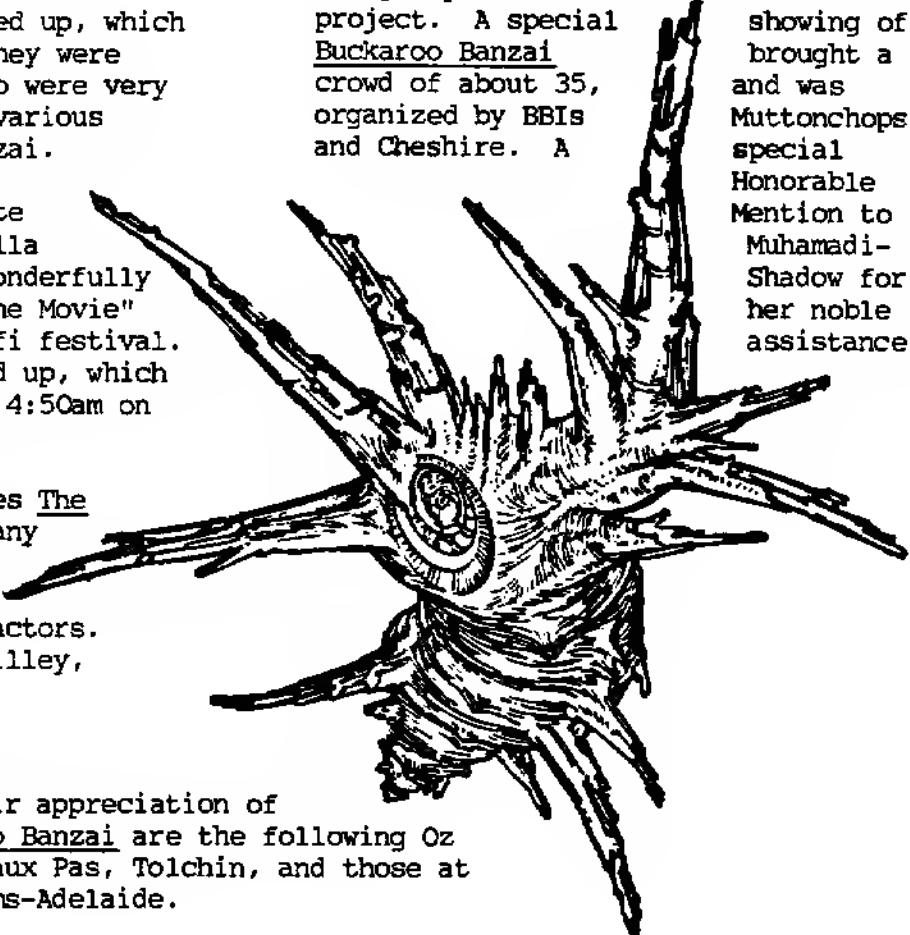
The Great Lakes Division BBIs helped out again this year with The Silver Bells Luminaria in Lansing, MI., and were even given credit for their help in the local newspaper.

This group is also responsible for the annual Red Cross Blood Drive at Mediawest Con. Keep up the great work Pinto, Dakota, Miami and the rest of the Greats Lakes Division.

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The Geoduck Raiders of Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, held a food drive for the N.W. Harvest Food Bank and collected money from within the group for the Wolf Haven project. A special Buckaroo Banzai crowd of about 35, organized by BBIs and Cheshire. A

showing of brought a and was Muttonchops special Honorable Mention to Muhamadi-Shadow for her noble assistance.



**"BUCKAROO BANZAI"**

Ravised 1.

DATE	SET/SCENES	CAST	LOCATION
MONDAY 7/11/83	INT. OPERATING ROOM/ SCRUB ROOM OR <u>CORRIDOR</u>	1 BUCKAROO BANZAI 5 RAWHIDE 8 NEW JERSEY (DR. EWIBEL) 36 NURSE #1 37 STAR SURGEON	LAKEVIEW MEDICAL CENTER 11600 ELDRIDGE AVE. LAKEVIEW TERRACE
b1 (Sc. 17) SUNRISE 5:50 AM SUNSET 8:06 PM	Sc. 13, 15, 21, 14, 16, 18, 20 Day - 2 2/8 pgs Buckaroo performs delicate operation on Eskimo brain while talking on "Go-Fone" and calm- ing Dr. Zwibal. Buckaroo takes stills of completed work. Rawhide talks on phone and relays conversation; explains operation to surgeon.	ATMOS 1 Surgeon nurse 1 Anesthasiolo- gist 1 Circulating nurse 1 Watching orderly/ patient 1 Watching nurse 2 Passing doctors 2 S.I.s	PROPS Surgical instruments Nikon camara TV cameras Go-Fonaa Laser knifa "Eskimo" patient dummy Pizza & Chinasa noodles w/chopsticks Phone Sony Watchman Rawhida's pistol/ holatar Scrub soap/towala AM/FM cassatta radio Brain X-ray Swinging intravenous N.J. ghatto blastar
			<u>VIDEO PLAYBACK</u> TV monitor "Stock" brain operation Sony watchman
			<u>SCOPES</u> Vital signs monitors

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LICENSE PICTURES

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Photos of Johns  
for driver's  
license.ATMOS  
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kind of jeckata  
& ties  
(Hair 1930's  
style)

END OF 1ST DAY - TOTAL PAGES: 2 2/8

BLUE BLAZE BULLETIN BOARD

BBI Feynman is forming the Knoxville TN Team Banzai Chapter, and anyone interested should contact her at: Sandy "Feynman" Clark  
5201 Oakhill Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37912

WANTED: Copies of Starlog issues #89, 106 & 107 for the B. Banzai articles. Contact :  
BBI The Princess  
c/o Maj Souers  
1176 Parkside Drive  
Alliance, OH 44601  
(Tell her "a couple of Bunnies" sent you!)

WANTED: Information leading to the whereabouts of The League of Lectroids for Lizardo. If anyone has heard from them, please contact:  
Lumberjack McCloud  
c/o SPC Anthony Ellerd  
Co. A 2/6 INF  
APO NY 09066  
(He's stationed in Germany)

WANTED: Sites for toxic waste disposal. We'll pay cash! Make your unused septic or furnace oil tanks earn extra money! Bonuses for multiples of 100 gallons or more. Handling and storage instructions provided. For more information, contact:

John Alkaline  
Yoyodyne Propulsions Systems  
Elimination Services Dept.  
Grovers Mill, NJ

THIS IS A LIMITED TIME OFFER, SO SIGN UP REEL SUNE!

WANTED: A cheap copy of the B.B. novel, Sound Track or other B.B. stuff. Also B.B. pen pals in the Midwest. Write to BBI Cobra  
C/O Elisa Paschall  
2405 Eatherton  
Grover, MO 63040

ATTENTION Houston Based Fans:  
I would like to start a troop for the Houston area. I would like to have get-togethers at movies, restaurants, clubs and such. If enough responses, possibly an info-letter. Send inquiries to

Paperback  
1902 Colquitt #19-C  
Houston, TX 77098

BBI Summer is organizing a troop in the Houston/Humble Texas area, interested persons are recommended to contact her:

Summer  
P.O. Box 1772  
Crosby, TX 77532  
(Please include your phone # & SASE)

QUESTION: Does any Texas or Gulf Coast BBI know if the group "Banzai Rock" that appeared at R & R is a B.B. band? I had to work that night and couldn't go.

Paperback

MISSING: One (1) Starlight Night Observation Scope and one (1) Para-bolick Mic with Booster. Last seen behind the Women's Dorm (and it's not what you think, it was for night Recon Qualifications Testing). If found contact the Shadowolf in the Dojo.

**SEODUCK RAIDERS****BLUE BLAZE STRIKE TEAM**

Art design by BBI Muttonchops

OVERTHRUSTER USED IN THE FUTURE

That palm sized wonder gadget, the OSCILLATION OVERTHRUSTER, can be seen being used as a geology tool to break up solid rock (again) in the Star Trek: The Next Generation second season episode titled "Penpal".

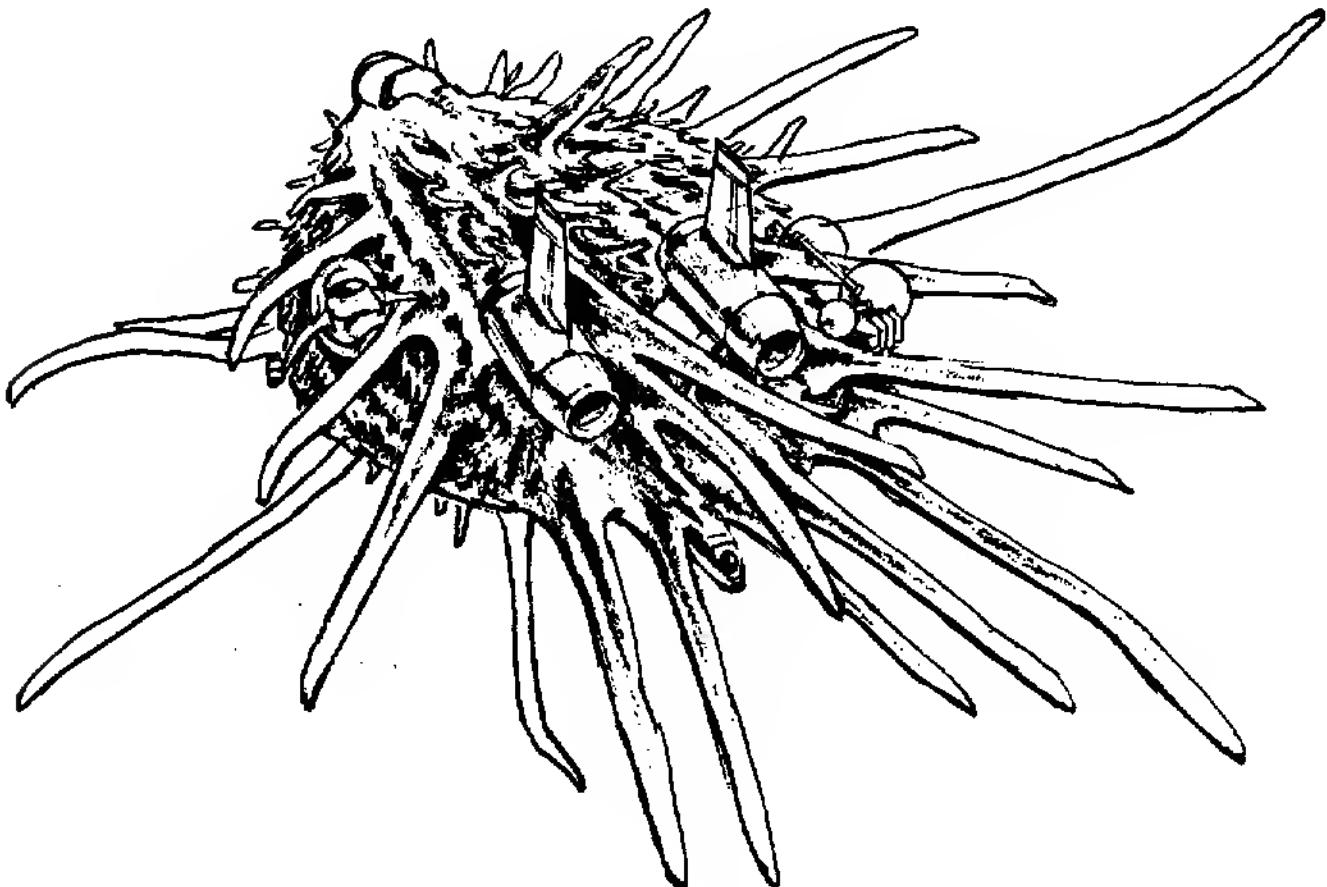
In addition, rumor has it that this prop was handed to Mr. Shatner to be considered for Star Trek V, but he thought it was too small for a weapon and too big for a medical device.

Oh well.

TOP SEKRIT PROJEKT

The Apple Computer Research and Development department in the Bay Area had a project titled "Yoyodyne". All programmers on the team had red custom t-shirts with their project's name on them.

Oh, and of course, all computer entry IDs started with "John". Believe it!



LIZARD SPACECRAFT

(TABB Production artist's rough sketch)

FREE BANZAI BUTTON OFFER

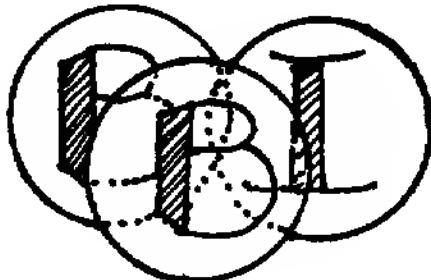
Dragon & Abacus are offering a free Team Banzai button to those who respond to the questions below. The information gathered will be printed in a future WWI so that an updated, current directory of BBIs will be available for those wanting to contact other B.B. fans. The list will tell a little about each BBI and also reflect the active core group that keeps Banzai fandom alive.

The Banzai buttons will easily identify the active network, and will be individually numbered to correspond with each BBI listing, assigned in order in which responses are received. Button supplies are somewhat limited, so send in your answers immediately to get yours!

1. WHY DO YOU APPRECIATE THE MOVIE The Adventures of Buckaroo Banzai? [Choose two multiple choice answers that closest parallel your feelings]
  - A) Sci/Fi Action Adventure; B) Unique Characters; C) Actors & their performances; D) Underlying attitudes and ideals; E) Amusing entertainment; F) Other (explain)
2. WHAT ARE 3 TO 5 OF YOUR MAJOR INTERESTS & AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE?

To receive your free Banzai button, send your mundane name, BBI name, mailing address and answers to the two questions above, along with a SASE to:

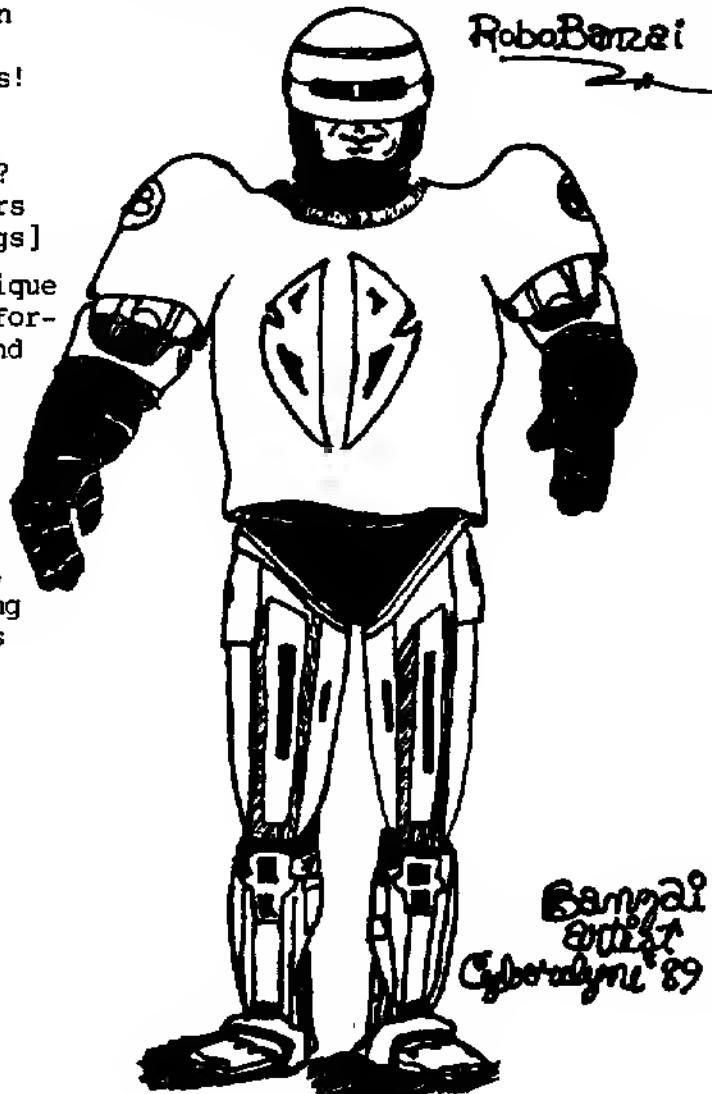
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ATTENTION PETER WELLER FANS!

BBI Electric Blue from Nanuet New York sent us the following tidbits of information:

Peter Weller was seen in a supermarket in the Village, reading Glamour magazine as he waited to be checked out. Apparently, he was reading an article called "What women watch in bed."

Also, along with Treat Williams, Peter Weller owns two restaurants, The Chelsea Central and Wendy's Surfateria. He owns one by himself, The Cafe Central.



ACTIVE BLUE BLAZES

BBI Photon of New Haven Connecticut shows his Banzai spirit by volunteering at various Northeastern Sci/Fi conventions. He's usually found wearing his Banzai t-shirt and headband, while carrying his Blue Blaze coffee mug. If you're at a convention and see someone matching this description, stop him and say hello!

\* \* \*

The Cascade Rangers, based in Portland Oregon, have been holding monthly planning meetings for over a year. The troop is founded on common interests, camaraderie, and good times. Opportunites for activities average about twice a week, and have included: Sci/Fi conventions; Arcades; Bumper Cars; Bowling; Breakfasts, lunches, dinners & desserts; A Beer Festival and a Street Fair; A hockey game and the horse races; Lazer Tag; Tours of museums, art galleries, holiday lights, the Japanese Gardens, a hydro-electric Dam, and the zoo; Volunteering for Public TV pledge drives; movies, miniature golf and a day trip to the snowy mountains; various performing arts; Pub gab gatherings and parties for resumes, tie-dying, gaming, videos, house warmings, birthdays and holidays. Whew! What busy BBIs!



"THE ONLY REASON FOR TIME  
IS SO THAT EVERYTHING DOESN'T  
HAPPEN AT ONCE"

BUCKAROO BANZAI

NETWORK 88

Communications from Dragon & Abacus to their active BBI correspondents:

\*We understand you're busy with work and college Lady Jazz, but please write Reel Sune!\*Battling Rabbi, we're looking forward to hearing from you about World Con...\* Good luck to the Late For Dinner team, and we'll all be looking for your premiere in Spring '91, believe it!\*...But what does that have to do with the price of headbands at a Con?\*What's in the envelope this time, Paperback?\*Say Sunshine & DJ, do you still have extra copies of The Cavalier?\*A special 'hello' to our BBIs in the military service; Iceman, Lumberjack McCloud and Shadowolf Jones!!!\*Armadillo Slim and Little Red-what's this we hear about Buckaroo boffing Mrs. Johnson?\* Beware of BBIs flying the Skull and Crossbones, and don't, for any reason, let them "borrow" anything!\* Keep your pipe stoked Shadowolf Jones, and hang on during those rolls\*Hey Boo Boo, is that another picnic basket? If you're having lunch, who's minding the store?\* Party Company...come out, come out where ever you are!\*Telephone Girl, did you ever move to somewhere in Oregon?\*Is German beer better, Lumberjack McCloud?\*Tango & Major Keys: If you weren't abducted by aliens, lost in a time warp, focused in another dimension, or gone on a secret mission to Tibet, you've got some explaining to do\*Hey Bunny! Say 'hello' to Bufferoo for us!\* Come on Solo...you can do it, just have faith in yourself and fly!\* Cobra, would you consider developing a fail-safe seatbelt with air bag and early warning system as your Institute research project?\*Thanks again for The Trailblazer!\*

In response to questions we asked in the last issue of WW1, fans wrote us the following letters to express their views:

"Penny-Peggy paradox - Karma is no accident. Basically, the fact that Penny returns to Peggy's old beau is just a sign that our actions are all interconnected and that, beyond singing love songs which just drove Penny to suicide, one can take time to love the characters drawn into one's life and thereby accept & truly overcome & master circumstances. Compare Buckaroo's humorous resumé of Rock Star, Brain Surgeon, etc., all macho sublimations avoiding the truth in front of him - 'If it were a snake it would have bit me!'."

Doc Serious - Palo Alto, CA

"The Penny/Peggy Paradox - I believe the Penny is really Peggy. Reno's told us ( in a footnote from the adventure, Across the Eighth Dimension ) that Buckaroo had been informed by Seth that Peggy was alive. Peggy had 'been injected (by Kan) with the nerve poison Talava which destroys mind and soul...'.

It would be like Kan to infuse a whole new personality into the woman. Knowing that "Penny" would immediately be taken into the inner sanctum of the Institute, Kan could have programmed her to do anything from leak information, to sow discontent, to sabotage, to kill, or all the proceeding.

Why I'm a fan of Buckaroo Banzai - From the first time I read the opening exposition of TABB, I was hooked with my tongue in my cheek. I was chuckling as the adventure unfolded and realized that here was a unique movie. Buckaroo's credo of the Five Stresses, Four Beauties, and Three Loves is an excellent guide to life.

Also with my being the 'adopted' grandson of Brigadier General Theodore Marley Brooks and Lt. Col. Andrew Blodgett Mayfair, I immediately joined the ranks of the Irregulars to be a part of a group of adventurous righters of wrongs and to further advance the knowledge of humankind."

Boo Boo - Garden Grove, CA

"Why am I a fan of you know who? Well, Buckaroo is the ideal, the ultimate of good. The 5 stresses, 4 beauties, and 3 loves are excellent philosophies to live by. As for the BBIs, they do what everyone should do, help their neighbor out, only they actually do it. Being a BBI and a member of Team Banzai means helping those in need, loving freedom, others and justice, and doing what is necessary for freedom & justice to remain. Buckaroo & Team Banzai allows everyone to use their full and natural talents, while developing them, allowing those talents, skills and knowledge to grow."

Princess - Alliance, OH

More letters from Fans can be found on page 22 of this issue of World Watch One!!!

Letters from Fans, continued from page 15...

"Why I am a fan of Buckaroo Banzai - There are striking similarities between Buckaroo Banzai and his band of aids and the 30s-40s pulp hero Doc Savage (of whom I'm also a fan). Both are geniuses in many fields of medicine and science; both are musically talented ( Buckaroon with the guitar and aax, Doc with the violin ); and both have dedicated their lives to combating crime. I enjoy the 'pulp-y' aspects of both characters, as well as the blending of SF-Fantasy elements into their adventures."

Word Bearer - Voluntown, CT

"Why am I a fan of Buckaroon? - I really can't single out one particular reason. Of course all the guys are just simply gorgeous. But believe it our not, that is only a small part of the whole reason.

I think part of Buckaroon's appeal is the fact he cares. He cares about people no matter who they are. Buckaroon I think infects those around him to also care. Buckaroon seems to be able to hold on no matter what the situation. He & those stand for their beliefs even if they stand alone. There's also a very innocent and child-like quality in each one. Well, that's only the surface of why I'm a fan of Buckaroon.

Paperback - Houston, TX

"Why I'm a fan of Buckaroo & Team Banzai? First, Banzai inspires me and he's a cute man and I loved the movie so much...Second, TB & being a BBI mean to keep Banzai's inspiration alive & well and to allow ourselves to become involved in the Team itself. Team Banzai means a true thing where we become believers."

Cybordyne -  
Hickory Hills, IL

